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SUBJECT: GATT, SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

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B. USUN 1807, 1788 AND 1766

1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL (A); WILL HANDLE MATTER ACCORDINGLY. WITH RESPECT REFTELS FROM USUN, WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, THAT ANY DEMARCHES BY MISSIONS SHOULD FIRST BE COORDINATED UNDER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO BELIEVE ANY DEMARCHES TO LONG ON SUBJECT SHOULD BE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENTS AND NOT "CERTAIN DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK" CITED USUN 1807.

2. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES AWARE, GATT IS NOT RPT NOT PART OF UN. GATT HAS FOLLOWED COMMON SYSTEM FOR SAKE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE, BUT FOR SUBSTANTIVE REASON, US HAS TAKEN GREAT CARE NOT TO PRESS GATT INTO UN SYSTEM.

3. MISSION AND MTN DEL GENEVA BELIEVE THAT EVALUATIONS LIKE THOSE CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF USUN 1766 ABOUT
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ACCEPTABILITY OF DISRUPTION OF MTN--PARTICULARLY IF US

IS LINKED WITH CAUSE OF DISRUPTION--MUST BE TAKEN ON BASIS OVERALL US POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH EB, STR AND OTHER AGENCIES WITH TRADE POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES. OF IMPORTANCE, TOO, IS QUESTION OF VOTING IN GATT. WE AGREED WITH DEPT. THAT INTRODUCTION OF VOTING INTO GATT PROCEDURES IS AN ISSUE OF BROAD POLICY CONSEQUENCE.

4. WITH RESPECT USUN 1766, D.G. LONG IS DEFINITELY NOT SPOKESMAN "FOR GATT STAFF UNION." LONG IS UNDER SERIOUS PRESSURE AND FOR SOME TIME TRIED TO KEEP LID ON STAFF ASSOCIATION BY HOLDING OUT FOR SOME UN WIDE SOLUTION. HIS ABILITY TO DO THIS HAS BEEN ERODED BY FAILURE OF UN SYSTEM TO ADDRESS GENEVA EFFECTS OF DOLLAR DEPRECIATION; HE EXPENDED MUCH LEVERAGE BY TRYING PREVENT STAFF ASSOCIATION FROM TAKING CASE TO CONTRACTING PARTIES IN 1973. LONG HAS ALWAYS APPROACHED GOVERNMENTS IN HIS ROLE AS A MANAGER RESPONSIBLE TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

5. WITH RESPECT USUN 1807 COMMENTS ON APRIL ACC MEETING, LONG REPORTED TO GATT 7 & 7 MEETING THAT HE COULD NOT GET ANYONE THERE TO LISTEN TO HIS CASE (GENEVA 2981). BELIEVE DAVIDSON'S QUOTED COMMENTS IN USUN 1807 LEND SOME CREDENCE TO LONG'S CONTINUED APPEALS TO GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES THAT UN ADMINISTRATION IN NY IS HOSTILE AND NEGATIVE TO EXCHANGE RATE ISSUES. IN ANY CASE, AND REGARDLESS OF ATTITUDES, MATTER HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH OUT EFFECT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

6. AT OUR REQUEST, CANADIAN MISSION GENEVA HAS CALLED MEETING OF KEY DELS ON GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR JUNE 2 TO ASCERTAIN LATEST SITUATION. WE WILL REPORT ATTITUDES EXPRESSED. DALE

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